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In re Application of  
William C. Shelton  
Application No. 10/725,589  
Filed: December 3, 2003  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 23, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 13, 2005, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 14, 2005.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), it will be interpreted as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee; (2) the petition and publication fees; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the issue fee is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

This application matter is being forwarded to the Publishing Division for further processing.

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